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Visit To China

MR Wendell Merick, United Press correspondent in Hongkong now on holiday in the United States, teled off a special despatch from New York on Saturday with this statement: "China's Communist bosses have a tailor-made charge ready for their argument in favour of admission to the U.S. - the US prefers to maintain the Bamboo Curtain. He was writing on Peking's decision last week to admit several American correspondents to China, which individual correspondents have apparently been seeking for many months; and of the State Department's refusal to waive the restriction in American passports forbidding such visits.

Whatever Mr Merick's motives were in writing this particular article, some Americans will feel that basically it is a veiled indictment of State Department policy - or rather, that others (not all of them critical Asians) will take it that way. Superficially it appears to be critical of the timing of the Peking invitation but a certain, perhaps deliberate, ambiguity of expression leads one to believe that the writer's target was that layer of entrenched suspicion and hostility that surrounds America's policy towards China.

THE coincidence of the invitation with the forthcoming Presidential elections campaign in which it could become a hot foreign policy issue, and the demand that is almost certain to be renewed by Russia at the United Nations later this year that Communist China be admitted suggest, of course, two ulterior motives. But neutral Asia is bound to disregard motives and, as Mr Merick suggests, see the American decision as further evidence of a policy aimed at the diplomatic isolation of China.

America has made a detente with China subject to two definite and many feel, reasonable conditions: one is the return of American civilians and military personnel imprisoned in China; the other, a ceasefire in the Formosa area together with a guarantee of non-aggression against the Nationalists.

Sento has given China's neutral Asian neighbours as well as member nations respect in the eyes of Peking. Expediency perhaps dictates this attitude but rivalry between Peking and Washington for the hearts of Asia's millions has provided temporary security of a kind. There is a long jump from this state of affairs to America's demand for a ceasefire in the Formosa area; in time, however, expediency may also achieve the desired end here.

IT is possible that Mr Merick understands the need for America to be ready to take the initiative to counter obvious propaganda moves and to make its own suggestions to Asia that it is striving for peaceful settlement. Formosa, North Korea and North Vietnam are all thorns of the same nettle that apparently defy handling at present but which demand inevitably to be grasped firmly.

One may sympathise with the dilemma in which the State Department is placed by Peking's invitation to the correspondents, but not with the rigid, inflexible policy behind it which perpetuates tension and hostility and frustrates even the development of a more rational approach towards a detente. Advice that the correspondents should be allowed to visit China later this month may be considered gratuitous. But it must be added that there is a limit to the tolerance the United States can expect from its friends on this outstanding issue of Sino-American relations - and that limit is fast approaching.

EDEN REBUFFS NASSER

SUEZ CONFERENCE WILL GO ON WITHOUT EGYPT

22 NATIONS TO ATTEND

London, Aug. 12.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight the Suez conference would take place "as planned despite Egypt's rejection."

The spokesman, making the first authoritative British statement on today's announcement by the Egyptian President, Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, that Egypt would not attend next Thursday's London talks, added: "Twenty-two out of twenty-four powers have signified that they will attend."

Colonel Nasser's proposal for a wider conference under Egyptian sponsorship was immediately relayed to Sir Anthony Eden, at his country residence, Chequers.

The Prime Minister immediately consulted by

telephone with the Foreign Secretary Mr Selwyn Lloyd, who remained in London.

The British reaction was limited to a two-sentence statement. It was no surprise. Western diplomats had expected the Egyptian rejection of their invitation, and had maintained their London talks would go on.

British diplomatic sources here criticised Egypt's decision not to attend the London conference. They pointed out that other powers which had expressed disagreement

with the aims of the conference had decided to attend the Suez talks with commitment.

British sources noted that Colonel Nasser had admitted that the Suez Canal was a matter for international concern but that the Egyptian President was envisaging only a further international guarantee for the vital waterway and not as the Western powers proposed an international administrative system. Egypt's refusal tonight was the last of the replies to come in.—Reuter and United Press.

U.S. 'NOT SURPRISED'

Washington, Aug. 12.

U.S. officials expressed little surprise here today that Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser had turned down an invitation to attend the London conference on the Suez Canal.

Egypt's refusal has been expected. Some officials said her acceptance of the invitation would have been surprising.

Congressional Meeting

'Equitable Solution' Is President's Hope

Washington, Aug. 12.

President Eisenhower expressed hope today, in a meeting with Congressional leaders, that a solution could be found in the Suez Canal dispute which would be equitable both to Egypt and to those who are dependent on the Canal.

An official White House statement, read to reporters following the meeting, said that acceptance of 22 of 24 invited nations to the London conference beginning next week "will offer an opportunity for reaching a peaceful and equitable solution in accord with the concept of the 1888 governing treaty."

EGYPT'S INTEREST

"They (the President and the Secretary of State) made clear that the United States will attend with the purpose of contributing to a solution with the object of safeguarding the interests of those dependent on the Canal as well as recognizing the legitimate interests of Egypt."

"We are hopeful of such an outcome." The statement said that executive leaders had stressed, however, "the continuing gravity of the situation and the difficulty in achieving a constructive solution."

Senator Walter George, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee who attended the meeting, said afterwards: "We consider the situation grave but not necessarily hopeless."

NO COMMITMENTS

No commitments were asked or given, Senator Lyndon Johnson, the Democratic Leader in the Senate, said.

Senator Johnson, who with other Democratic leaders flew here in a Government plane from Chicago where the Democratic National Convention opens tomorrow, said before a battery of microphones:

"President Eisenhower gave a general outline and background of the Suez situation."

"We discussed the possible course of conduct of the United States at the London conference next week which Mr Dulles will be attending."

"We also discussed the effect of the Suez developments upon the United States."

Senator Johnson was asked whether the Administration had indicated what United States policy would be if the London conference failed. He replied: "We did not discuss the failure of the conference."

Malta Premier Calls Off Rebellion

FLYING BOATS CAN LAND NOW, HE SAYS

Valetta, Aug. 12.

The Maltese Premier, Mr Dom Mintoff today called off his one-man rebellion against the British Government's decision to land flying boats in Malta's harbours.

After a late night conference with the Governor, Mr Mintoff and his Cabinet agreed to drop their protest that the landing of flying boats in Malta harbours would harm the fishing trade.

The flying boats are carrying British women and children from Suez as part of the British Government's evacuation plans in the present Canal crisis.

Mr Mintoff's announcement tonight said that all arrangements connected with the landing of flying boats in Maltese waters would have the full co-operation of the Maltese Government.

Cut Off Radio

Earlier, Mr Mintoff had claimed credit for sabotaging the radio station in Malta because the Governor refused to allow his protest against the flying boats to be broadcast. Yesterday, the Governor, Sir Robert Laycock, ordered all craft to clear the harbours where flying boats would stop over on their flights from Suez to Britain evacuating British women and children.

Mr Mintoff protested this as a violation of fishermen's rights but Rediffusion Service, which broadcasts to the island under licence from the Imperial Government, refused to carry his declaration.

US Ballet Group To Visit HK

San Francisco, Aug. 13.

The San Francisco ballet will visit Hongkong next year, it was announced today.

It will also visit Korea, Okinawa, Formosa, the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Burma, India, Ceylon and Pakistan.

The tour, to commence in January, will last about three months. The group, now conducting a series of engagements in the United States, will go abroad under a State Department programme for the encouragement of international cultural exchanges.—United Press.

Frontier Incidents

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 12.

Two new incidents occurred in the Gaza strip on the Egyptian-Israeli armistice lines today, an Israeli spokesman stated.

This morning, Egyptian positions opened fire against Eres and Kibbutz, and the fire was returned, he said.

In the afternoon, two Egyptians crossed the lines into Israel and fired with automatic weapons against a tractor working in the fields on the Eres settlement. Israeli fire drove the infiltrators back across the lines, the spokesman said.—France-Press.

Tokyo Quake

Tokyo, Aug. 13.

An earthquake rocked Tokyo's downtown buildings for a few seconds early today.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.—United Press.

What The Crystal Ball Says Of Colonel Nasser

Karachi, Aug. 12.

The Dravidian astrologer Pingal Reddy predicted today that the Egyptian President, Colonel Nasser, will die a violent death and will be replaced by a general as dictator of Egypt.

The astrologer said the Suez Canal crisis will be finally settled by October 28 of this year when its administration will return to its "original hands."

Pingal claims that in 1855 he foresaw "troubled times" for Egypt with three dictators succeeding each other—General Mohammed Naguib, Colonel Nasser, and an unnamed general. He said that Nasser would

Mr Mintoff met with his Cabinet during the night and today ordered Rediffusion's facilities cut.

Men with clipper poles and severed the lines at mid-day.

The Malta Government's Central Office of Information refused to handle publication of the British order warning boats away from the landing areas.

The action was a major challenge to British control of its second most important base in the Mediterranean.

Mr Mintoff has been leader of a campaign for gaining additional rights for the Colony by incorporating it into mainland Britain with rights of representation in the London Parliament.

He declared today that "Malta must be consulted" in the Suez crisis, particularly at a time when Britain could "lose its head."

Money Needed

Valetta, Aug. 12.

The Maltese Premier, Mr Dom Mintoff, said today that the island was now seriously menaced by an economic and constitutional crisis.

He told a conference of the Labour Party that by the end of this month the money in Malta's coffers would be completely exhausted, and the island left penniless.

Mr Mintoff protested that "no a help" of the £5 million which he said the United Kingdom Government promised, had reached Malta.

In June, talks between Mr Mintoff and the British Government broke down after Britain proposed to peg aid to Malta at £5 million a year for five years, and Malta asked for a minimum of £7 million.—Reuter.

BELGIAN MINE TRAGEDY

Rescue Workers Held Up By Roof-Fall

Brussels, Aug. 12.

Rescue workers, trying to reach 252 miners entombed in a mine at Marcinelle since last Wednesday, were today halted by a roof fall in an escape gallery 3,000 feet below the surface.

M. Jan Van Den Heuvel, Director-General of the Belgian Mines Administration, announcing this, said they had penetrated 165 feet in the gallery.

A mining engineer said yesterday if the air where the men were trapped was breathable, they could hold out for about 10 days.

Earlier today, M. Van Den Heuvel said the fire showed a tendency to diminish.

On Sunday afternoon sight-seers stood jammed shoulder to shoulder today on slagheaps around the pit where the miners are trapped.

All roads leading to Charleroi, a main centre of this Belgian

mining region, and Marcinelle, were jammed with cars converging on the stricken pit from all over Belgium and from France.

Police reinforcements barred roads leading to the mine to all cars except those with business at the pit and turned back stragglers coming to swell the thousands already at the disaster scene.

Police reported minor scuffles with disappointed spectators who tried to force their way in.

Guest visitors were families of Italian miners trapped below. Italian Embassy officials said about 30 of these families had arrived.—Reuter.

What Was In The Box?

London, Aug. 11.

Chief Insp. Thomas Shepherd, one of two Scotland Yard officers who flew to Cape-town to detain a member of the crew of the Bloemfontein Castle, John Kelly, in connection with the £100,000 London diamond robbery, arrived back in London by air tonight with an 18-inch mystery cardboard box under his arm.

Kelly was detained by Insp. Shepherd and Det. Sgt. James Driscoll when he reached Cape-town from Britain in the liner. "He will be brought home in the Pretoria Castle, arriving in Britain later this month," Insp. Shepherd said.

Asked if a second arrest in connection with the robbery could be expected in London, he replied: "I cannot say until I have reported to my superiors."

Det. Insp. Shepherd walked from the Customs hall to his car and declined a porter's offer to carry the tightly-sealed cardboard box. When asked its contents he replied "Just personal belongings." —United Press.

Cypriot Killed

Nicosia, Aug. 12.

A Greek Cypriot was shot dead today by two masked men in Nicosia.

The shooting took place in a coffee shop.—France-Press.

'Japan Now Building More Ships Than UK'

London, Aug. 13.

The Daily Herald today claimed that Japan was now building more shipping tonnage than Britain.

The newspaper said: "Japan has built the largest ship in the world, a tanker of 85,000 tons. For the first time in a generation, the largest ship afloat is not British built or British owned."

"That, in itself, is merely an interesting fact, not necessarily of great significance. But here is another fact that should make us sit up."

"We have dropped from our top position as the world's biggest builders of ships. We used to build more than half of them. Japan is now building more tonnage than Britain, with Germany on our heels."

FULL BLAST

"British shipyards are working full blast. There are five million tons of orders in hand, enough work to keep us going for years. That, no doubt, is why Japan and Germany are doing so well now."

"But if it is the leavings that other countries are getting, all we can say is that these are some leavings."

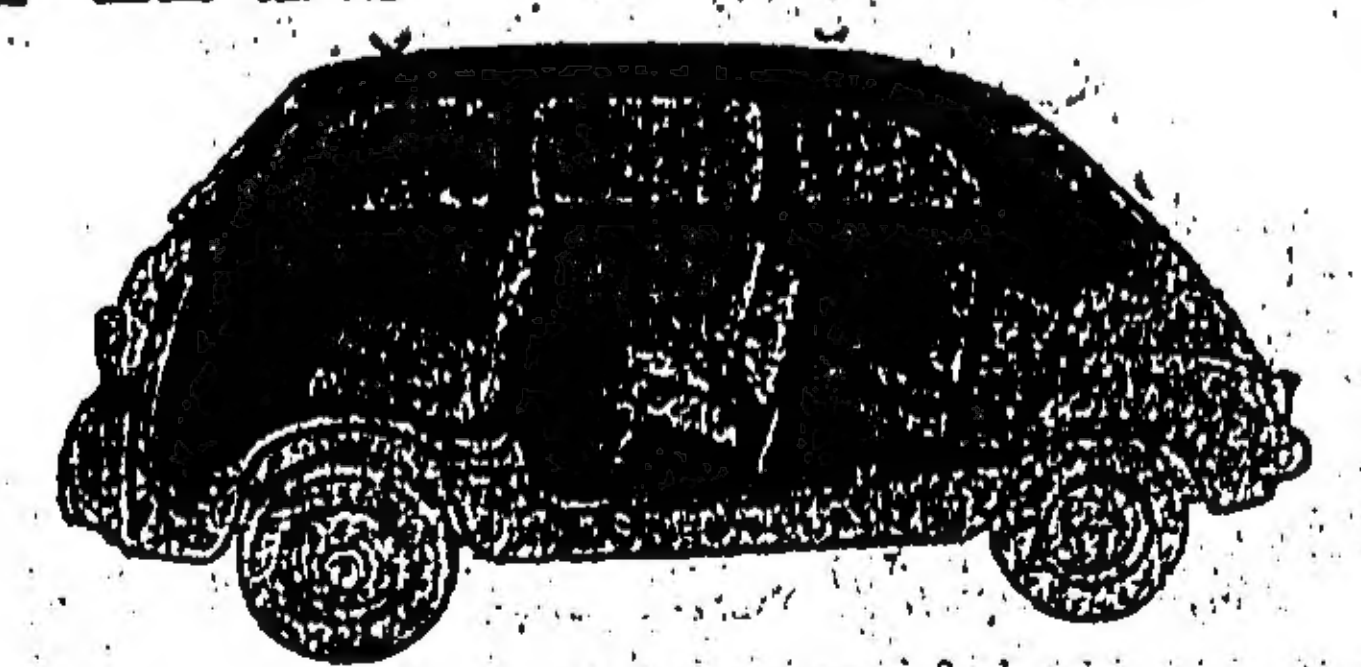
"Everybody in the shipyards knows the situation that is developing, but precious little seems to get done about it," the Herald added.—Reuter.

Trooper Diverted

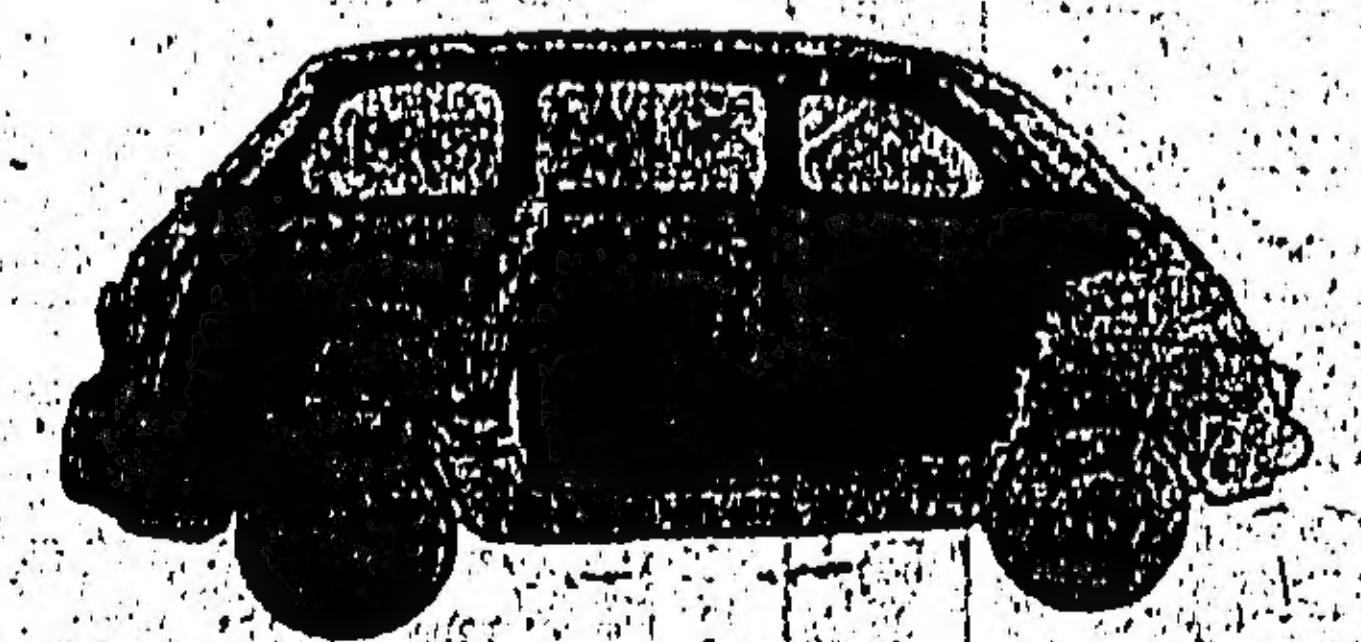
Cape-town, Aug. 12.

Diverted by the Suez crisis, the British troopship Empire Fowley arrived here today en route home from the Far East.—United Press.

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Ten Nations Enter Venice Film Festival

Venice, Aug. 12. Ten nations, including the US and Russia, have entered a total of 14 films in the 17th International Film Festival to be staged here from August 28 to September 8, organisers said today.

The countries taking part are: USA (two films), Russia (one), Japan (two), Mexico (one), Spain (one), Germany (one), France (two), Italy (two), Greece (one) and Britain (one).

List of movies in USA: "Stronger Than Life" by Nicholas Ray and "Fool Wolf" by Robert Aldrich.

Russian: "Immortal Cure" by Agumenko and Tisse. Japan: "The Street of Shame" by Kenji Kizogaki and "The Harp of Burma" by Kon Ichitawa. Spain: "Cainbuch" by Luis Berlanga. Germany: "Captain von Penik" by Helmut Kautner.

FRENCH EXHIBITS

France: "Gervaise" by Rene Clement and "Across Paris" by Claude Autant-Lara. Mexico: "Toreador" by Carl Vela. Greece: "The Air of Athens" by Nikos Kounduras. Britain: probably "Moby Dick" (to be confirmed later). Italy: "Sister Lucia" by Mario Camerini and "Empire-Gravel" and "Gravel".

The organisers said the international jury would be presided over by John Gritson of Britain. Its members will be Russian: Fradik Marovich. Winner: Briton James Quinn. France: Andre Bazin. Italian: Luciano Visconti and Gianbattista Cavallaro and a Japanese delegate yet to be named. —United Press.

Britannia On Tour

London, Aug. 13. The world's largest airliner, the four-engined turbo-prop Bristol Britannia 100, left London Airport tonight on a three weeks tour of North America.

Before take-off, Mr Peter Massfield, managing director of Bristol Aircraft Company, said it was hoped to sell Britannia's worth 200 million dollars to major United States airlines. —Reuter.

Russia Not Invited To Air Show

Columbo, Aug. 12. The Ministry of Transport has refused a request that Russia be invited to take part in an air show here next year.

The Civil Aviation Department had wanted the Soviets to send jets for the projected display.

The Ministry, however, will ask Russia for aid for the national railroad. It wants 20 locomotives, sleepers and rails.

The Department of Government, similarly intends to seek information from Russia in the fields of electrical distribution and tariff structure. It plans to send a team of officials to the Soviet Union to conduct studies on these subjects. —United Press.

Women Killed In Malaya

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 12. Two Chinese women were shot dead by security forces this morning when they walked into a military ambush position outside the perimeter wire of Bemban, a new village in the Baze Gajah district of Perak.

A government communiqué said the women were repeatedly challenged during a house curfew but failed to halt or reply and were shot at and killed. —United Press.

Woman Keeps 70 Cats

Durban, Aug. 12. Mrs I. Miles, of Westridge Durban, has 70 cats. She knows them all by name and they know her.

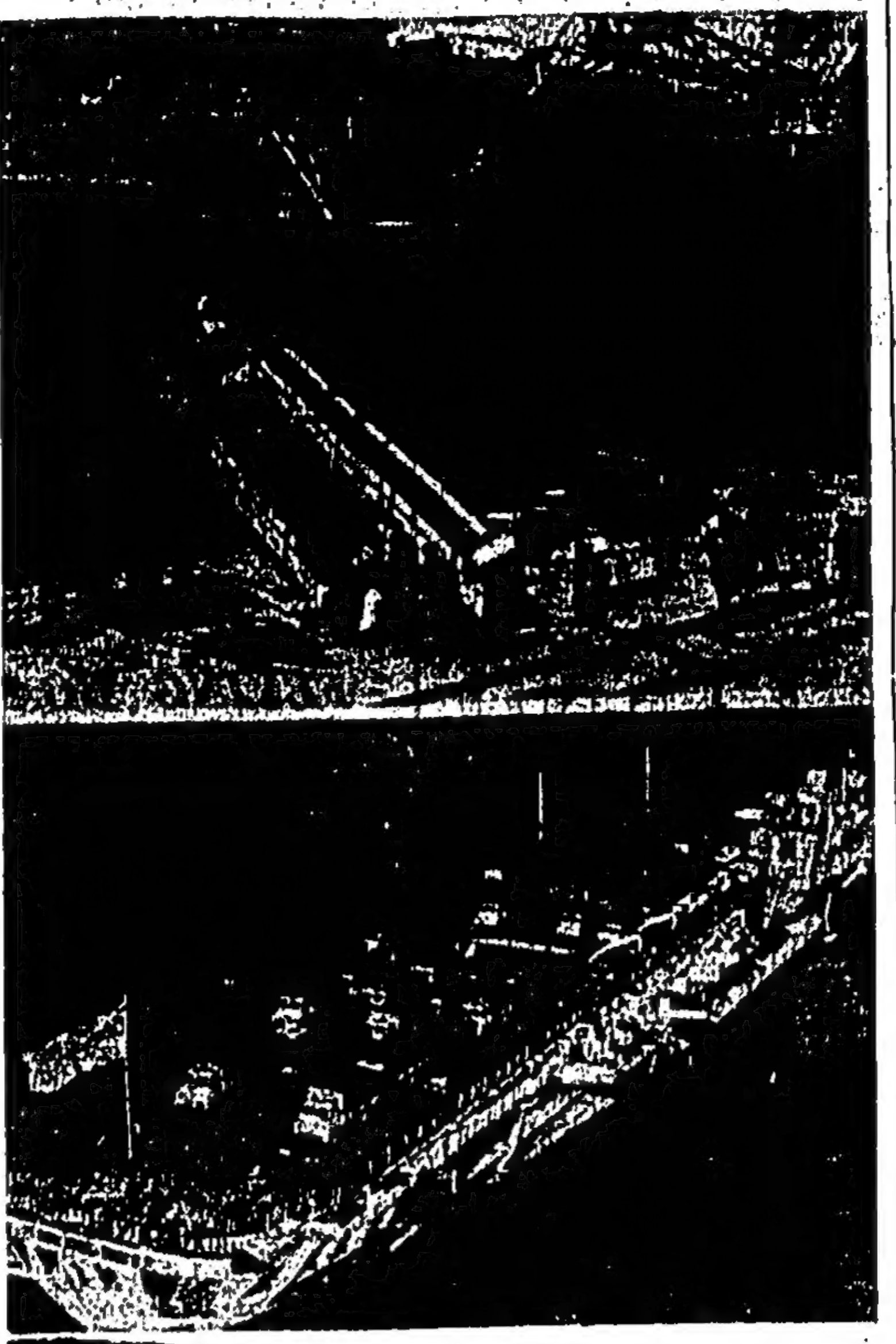
Mrs Miles says: "I am not crazy, and my cats are not ordinary cats—they are pedigree animals."

Among all her cats, she values most a blue long-haired tom cat and would not take £250 for him.—China Mail Special.

Lahore, Aug. 12. Major General Iskander Mirza, President of Pakistan, returned here today after a four-day goodwill visit to Afghanistan.

In a radio interview he said the visit had been a "distinct success" and had helped in "removing misunderstandings and creating an atmosphere of cordiality and goodwill between the two neighbouring Muslim countries". —Reuter.

Paratroops For M.E.



As a result of the Suez Canal crisis units of the 10th Independent Parachute Brigade left for the Mediterranean area aboard the aircraft carrier HMS Theseus. Picture top shows the troops boarding the Theseus; picture bottom, an air view of the Theseus as it steams toward the Mediterranean.—Express Photo.

GIANT AIR LIFT UNDER WAY

London, Aug. 12. Hundreds of British troops and military equipment were flown to the Mediterranean today in a giant airlift which will continue throughout the week.

The soldiers took off in civil airliners — Britanias, each capable of carrying 100 passengers—and Hermes troop-carrying aircraft. Other planes carried baggage and equipment.

During this week about 60 flights will be made with troops to the Mediterranean. More aircraft will begin taking off from Hurn Airport, near Bournemouth, and nearby Blackbushe, early tomorrow morning.

Twice Postponed

The airlift, ordered last week as a result of the Suez Canal crisis, had been twice postponed. The soldiers were mainly infantrymen with a few technical detachments and one field ambulance unit.

At nearby Southampton two double-decked Solent flying boats of Aquila Airways left for Malta on their way to Lake Fanara to pick up women and children attached to the Suez Contractors Service Company. A third Solent will take off tomorrow for Egypt.

Later, a British cargo ship, Crutwell (6,905-ton) sailed from Tilbury in the river Thames estuary for the Mediterranean packed with army vehicles and supplies.

This afternoon another cargo ship, Empire Eagle (4,187-ton) docked at Tilbury from Antwerp with more than 100 vehicles from the British Army in Germany. —Reuter.

Another Load

They were driven off and within four hours the Empire Eagle was on her way back to Antwerp for another load.

From Southampton today two troopships—the Empire Ken and Dunera—left for the Mediterranean with soldiers and airmen. —Reuter.

Rome, Aug. 12. Beniamino De Rita, 67, one of Italy's leading journalists and author of books and essays on American history, died of a sudden illness at Rome's polyclinic hospital early today. —United Press.

NASSER

DEFENDS ACTIONS

Changed Mind About Attending Suez Conference In London

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Capetown, Aug. 12. Strong criticisms of collecting methods during a recent University "rag" have been made by Mr M. B. Williams, Town Clerk of Capetown, who described the rag record of losing collection boxes as "shocking."

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Grouse Get Extra Day Of Freedom

London, Aug. 12. "The Glorious Twelfth," traditional opening of the grouse shooting season, will be a strangely silent one today.

The grouse hunters will have to wait patiently for Monday, because the opening of the season falls on a Sunday this year, the birds will have one extra care-free day.

Superstitious marksmen are already gloomy over the prospect of only moderate bags.

But whether the birds are plentiful this year or not, orders for more than 1,000 birds have been accepted over here from New York night clubs which plan to serve up the birds the following day.

YOUNG BIRDS

Experts say the tendency this year will be to postpone heavy shooting until September to give the young birds a chance.

Shooting, which has become so expensive in the post-war years, is a luxury now enjoyed only by the Royal Family, a few wealthy lairds, and more and more Americans who form syndicates for the renting of the moors.

The Queen has taken a lease of two moors at Invercauld, in Scotland, and the Queen Mother, who will be staying at Invercauld House, has rented another for her guests.—China Mail Special.

Jap Hens Eat Newspapers

Tokyo, Aug. 12. A Japanese housewife in Tokyo has two hens which eat newspaper every day.

Last summer the hens sampled some newspapers lying about the house. Since then a sheet of newspaper torn into small bits and mixed with dry tea leaves has been added to the normal diet of rice bran and chopped vegetables.

The hens were reported to prefer Japan's most respectable daily, but an English language daily was also "gulped down with relish" according to the housewife.—China Mail Special.

TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

Brandonburg, Saskatchewan, Aug. 12. One man was killed and at least five others injured today in a two-train collision here, some 2-30 miles northeast of Moose Jaw.

Louis Kerr of Wynyard, an engineer, was crushed to death when a westbound freight on the Canadian Pacific Railway line from Wynyard to Yorkton collided with a steam engine and caboose.—United Press.

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By PAUL SCOTT RANKINE

Chicago, Aug. 12.

Mr Adlai Stevenson and Governor Averell Harriman—rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination—today campaigned for votes among the delegates arriving here for tomorrow's national convention of the party.

German Protestant Gathering

Frankfurt, Aug. 12.

An estimated 450,000 persons were in the sun in front of a 100-foot cross today in the final session of the German Protestant "Kirchentag" conference.

The crowd, which included 25,000 East Germans, heard sermons and reports on the five-day session, blessed forth from loudspeakers mounted inside the cross. A giant 2,000-piece band and 3,000 voice choir, led by three directors using loudspeakers, played hymns. The band could be heard two miles away.

Guests included West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano and East Germany's Deputy Premier Otto Nuschke.

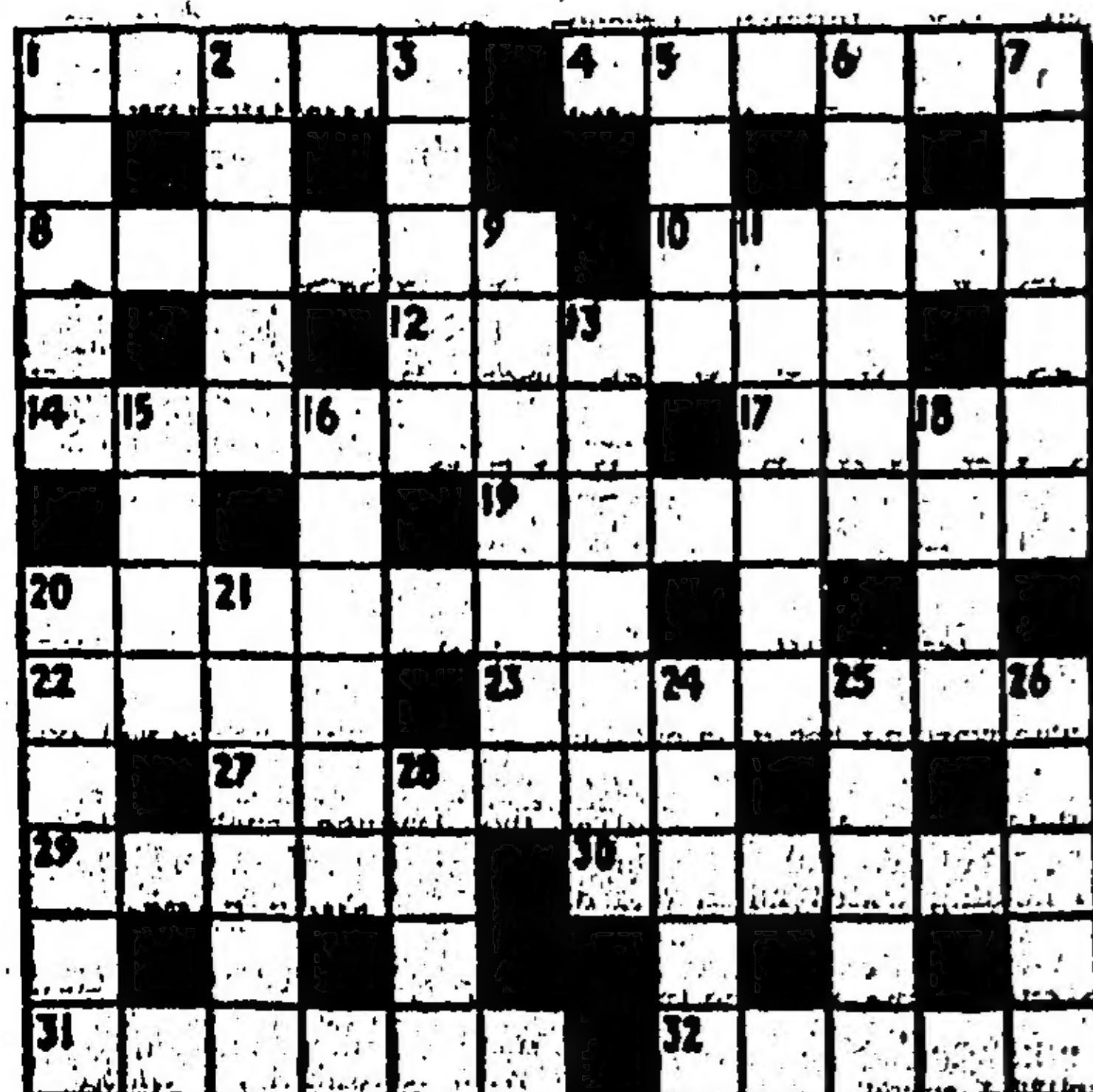
DIVIDING POINT

The major theological step of the conference, which had 70,000 delegates, discussing the churches place in modern life, was a decision to ask the church to reintroduce the private confession to German Protestant practice.

The decision was reached by one of the conference working groups and announced today. If adopted, it could reinstate one of the major dividing points between the Catholic and the Protestant beliefs.

Kirchentag officials were openly disappointed at the turnout, which was far under their predictions of 850,000. — United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



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A scene from the opening of Yachting Week at Cowes, most exclusive week of the British social season, and one which attracts sportsmen from countries the world over. — Express Photo.

REBEL AMBUSH

Algiers, Aug. 2.

A heavily armed rebel band ambushed and shot down at least 17 French soldiers on the plains of Beni Boudia today, it was reported here.

The strong French patrol moved into the rebel ambush shortly afterwards.

The clash took place near Beni Boudia, on the route from Beni Rabah to Berrouaghia, about 62 miles southwest of Algiers. — United Press.

STALIN CAR RENAMED

Moscow, Aug. 12.

The ZIS, Russia's luxury VIP car used by the Kremlin leaders, has been officially rechristened.

Until June, the factory where the ZIS is made was known as the Stalin Motor Works and the letters ZIS stood for Zavod Imeni Stalina or Factory named after Stalin.

Then, as part of the drive against Stalin's "personality cult" the factory was renamed the Likhachev Motor Works in honour of Ivan Likhachev, a former Minister of the Road Transport Industry and a one-time director of the Stalin Factory who was himself once fired by Stalin.

OVER-RULED

The factory then became Zavod Imeni Likhacheva or Factory named after Likhachev and the initials changed to ZIL. Many people thought that ZIL was too clumsy for the name of a car, but the doubters were all over-ruled and all future models of the Packard-like limousine will be known as ZIL.

Buses and lorries produced by the same factory will also be renamed ZIL instead of ZIS. The sub-way station near the factory has already had a name-change. It is now the Motor Works Station instead of the Stalin Motor Works Station. — China Mail Special.

124 MPH WINDS

Moscow, Aug. 12. Winds exceeding 200 kilometres per hour (124 mph) were recorded this week by scientists at the Soviet Antarctic base "Mirny". — Tass reported.

Snow drifts which built up during a severe storm lasting nearly 18 hours covered all the installations at the Antarctic observatory, the agency said. — China Mail Special.

TERRIFIC BATTLE TO SAVE HARBIN FROM FLOOD WATERS

by DAVID CHIPP

MORE than 500,000 people are battling to save the industrial city from the threatening floodwaters of the Heilong River. The situation is desperate, with the city's water supply cut off and the threat of a complete blockade. The floodwaters have reached a level of 10 feet above the city's highest point, and the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous. The city's water supply is cut off, and the threat of a complete blockade is becoming a reality. The floodwaters have reached a level of 10 feet above the city's highest point, and the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous. The city's water supply is cut off, and the threat of a complete blockade is becoming a reality.

Twin Jet Bomber Averages 600 mph

Washington, Aug. 12.

A B-66 jet bomber has flown from Hawaii to Long Beach, California, at an average speed of more than 600 miles per hour, the Air Force announced today.

The twin jet airplane, which covered 2,690 miles on the flight, was returning from participation in the spring nuclear tests at Eniwetok.

The Air Force did not claim a record for the 4-hour-27-minute hop with Maj. Ralph R. Robinette at the controls. His navigator was Capt. G. E. Little and his crew chief was John R. Seper.

The Air Force B-66 is a version of the Navy-designed A3D, which recently flew from Hawaii to Albuquerque, New Mexico, at an average speed of 570 miles per hour for the 3,200 miles distance.

The Navy plane also was returning from Eniwetok. Both the Navy and Air Force versions are built by Douglas Aircraft Co. The A3D is the Navy's heaviest carrier-borne bomber while the B-66 is considered a light bomber for tactical work by the Air Force. — United Press.

Awards For Australian Journalists

Sydney, Aug. 12.

Australian journalists are to have annual awards worth \$21,000 (\$2800 sterling) for outstanding stories, articles and news photographs.

First prize of \$2500 is for the best piece of newspaper reporting, second of \$2200 for the best feature story and three other prizes of \$2100 each will be awarded for the best news or general interest picture, best non-fiction story in an Australian magazine and the best story in a provincial newspaper.

Announcing the awards for his company Mr W. G. Walkley, Managing Director of Ampol Petroleum Ltd, said that he had a profound admiration for the high standard of Australian journalism. "The average Australian who has not travelled overseas does not appreciate that for factual and accurate reporting, the Australian Press is the best in the world," he added. — China Mail Special.

'SECRETS' MAP FOR TOURISTS

New York, Aug. 12.

A former member of the Soviet Secret Police who defected to the West, helped to draw up a new guide book to Moscow containing an up-to-date list of secret police installations, offices and Soviet prisons, it was disclosed here.

The guide book was made public by a Russian refugee organisation, the National Alliance of Russian Solidarists, which prepared it with the assistance of the former secret policeman Nikolai Khokhlov.

Mr Khokhlov, who defected to the West in 1954, said the publication would be a boon to American tourists who now are visiting the Soviet Union in substantial numbers.

SOVIET AGENTS

The book, published in Frankfurt, West Germany, contains 50 pages and a special supplement of advice to tourists telling them that every Soviet guide, waiter and employee "will be an agent of State organs."

Tourists were warned to beware of hidden microphones and that their belongings would always be checked and photographed. They were also warned not to take the slightest of advice into the Soviet Union "as they might cause some inconvenience with the Soviet authorities."

An accompanying map was marked with 27 large red stars indicating MVD and police installations in Moscow, including what was described as the "secret garage of the intelligence department." — China Mail Special.

Mauberge, Aug. 12. A former French prisoner of war in Germany has had his watch returned 15 years after handing it in for repair at the camp clock shop. He received it in good condition by post from a fellow prisoner who kept the watch in a safe place in the camp when the owner was transferred to another camp. — China Mail Special.

Noisy Demonstrators Baffle Police

Ahmedabad, Aug. 12.

Anti-government protests tonight took the form of peaceful but noisy demonstrations similar to those used against the British in India's fight for independence.

After a fairly peaceful day, protesters against the formation of a bilingual Bombay state this evening harassed police by shouting and noise making with musical instruments. They stood on roof tops, in compounds and on street corners, some with bugles and other instruments and others beating with sticks against brass trays. Some shouted "Maha Gujarati" and others "police go away."

Following the law enforcement methods being used was voiced by H. V. Khatkhate, a Socialist member of Parliament. He said police behaviour was "without parallel in recent years" and "even the British had acted with more restraint in the past." — United Press.

MINISTER RESIGNS

Colombo, Aug. 12.

Ceylon Premier, Solomon Bandaranaike, today accepted the resignation of the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Posts, Broadcasting and Information, Mr K. M. P. Rajaratna.

Rajaratna resigned in protest against the Premier's decision to permit a march organised by the Tamil Federal Party.

The Federal Party has started a march from various localities in North Ceylon—a predominantly Tamil speaking area—to converge on Trincomalee for a party convention on August 17 and 18.

Rajaratna contended that this march would lead to communal disturbances between Tamils and Sinhalese, similar to those in early June, over the Government's decision to make Sinhalese the sole official language of Ceylon. — France Press.

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- H.K.A.A. Dinner
- Nepalese Delegation
- Italian Society Dinner
- Motor Sports Club Reception
- G.G.G. Dinner
- Children's Club
- Opening of N.S. Shumshupur Post Office
- Shelving of 1956 Holy Carpenter Church
- 175th Anniversary of the British in Hong Kong
- Cocktail Party on Board H.M.S. ZS Kanieri
- Visitors Day Y.M.C.A. Boys' Camp Stanley
- Ordination of Good Shepherd Church
- St. Stephen's Church
- H.K. Concert Orchestra
- Local Presentations
- Local Weddings
- Local Events

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

One Risk Nets
Seven Spades

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW should you play the South hand at a contract of seven spades? West leads the queen of hearts, and you win the first trick in your own hand with the ace. Plan the whole campaign before you read on. The correct play is a good exercise in timing.

At the second trick, you lead out the ace of spades to make sure that the trumps aren't all in one hand. When both opponents follow, you breathe a little easier and cash the ace of clubs. An immediate club ruff must be risked, but this is your last risk.

You continue with a second round of trumps to dummy's queen. Next you cash the king of hearts, descending from your hand the king of clubs.

The next step is to lead a low club from dummy and ruff with the jack of spades. You return to dummy with a trump to the king drawn West.

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♥ K 6		
♦ 9		
♣ Q 7 6 4 3 2		
WEST EAST		
♠ 10 9 8	♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 2	
♥ Q J 10 7 3	♥ 8 7 6 5 4 2	
♦ K J 10 3	♦ 8 7 6 5 4 2	
♣ 5	♣ J 10 9 8	
SOUTH (D)		
♠ A J 7 3 2		
♥ A		
♦ A Q 6 5 4		
♣ A K		
North-South vul		
South	West	North
4 ♠	Pass	3 ♠
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠
7 ♠	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♥ Q		

last trump. You next ruff another low club with your last trump, thus establishing dummy's long suit.

The rest of the game is easy. You cash the ace of diamonds, ruff a diamond in the dummy, cash the queen of clubs, and fall the rest with established low clubs.

It's easy to see that the correct line of play is to set up dummy's clubs rather than your own diamonds. It is necessary also to provide against a 4-1 break in clubs. If you draw trumps before touching the clubs, you can't get to dummy often enough to ruff a club and then run the rest of the clubs.

♥ CARD SENSE ♦

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been:
North East South West
1 Heart 2 Diamonds
You South hold:
♠ 7 4 2 ♥ A J 4 2 ♦ 7 ♣ K Q J 3 2
What do you do?
A—Bid three hearts. You are a trifle light in high cards for this forcing bid, but the distribution is excellent.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:
♠ 7 7 5 4 2 ♦ 4 2 ♣ K Q J 3 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

This Funny World



"Officer Gallagher, tell me the story of how you took off Captain Cassidy."

FLASH

Paris designer joins
band against that
hold-up-the-news ban

PARIS—Paris dress designer Manguin has announced she is quitting the designers' "union" (the Chambre Syndicale) because she objects to the ruling which forbids the publication of drawings and pictures of new fashions until a month after they have been shown. This follows the publication of Robb's drawings of Dior's autumn fashions less than 24 hours after they were seen at a by-invitation-only showing. The Paris evening paper, *France-Soir*, describes this as a "bombshell."

STORY BY JOY MATTHEWS

ALL you want is a man with a million. This time Mme Fath's collection was not just a rich man's fancy—it was an oil king's dream.

Hardly a model was seen without listings of trunk and Persian lamb, ermine, fox or beaver.

Mink-lined capes

The influence was clearly Russian but—dare we mention it?—White Russian.

Big Catherine-the-Great capes were trimmed with Persian lamb. One full-length black face-cloth cape was lined with natural mink (ideal for sleigh rides). Another, scarlet face-cloth, big enough to hide the biggest State secrets at the back, had a wide fox collar.

One showed a rather Red influence, however. It was a



trench coat lined with scarlet Persian lamb.

Another selection of coats was dead straight with fur collars and big bands of fur at the bottom about a foot-and-a-half wide. These were worn with high Russian hats.

There were capes of every description. Some were hip-length to cover the jacket of a suit. Others were attached to

the suit itself, more like a shawl but finished at the sleeves, so that the front of the jacket was uncovered.

There were three-quarter length capes and full-length evening capes and mantles. Many of them were fur-lined in colored Persian lamb, burnt

topaz, ruby, sapphire, emerald, and amethyst.

Back like a herald's

Many of the suits were cascaded with slightly longer jackets. These were in tweeds, Shetlands and plaids, or face-cloth. The more formal ones had black plaid or velvet trimming.



DRAWINGS BY ROSE

A new invention was an extra back which either hung down like a herald's, or else was cut up into a martingale to give a blouse effect.

Day dresses were straight and there were career girls' day-dreams in black face-cloth. Others had high necks, three-quarter sleeves, bloused backs, belts, and straight skirts.

Late-day dresses were man-catchers. Some were low-necked velvet, trimmed with white fur (an involved combination). Others were sheaths, toga-sheaths draped over one shoulder or with tiers, flounces, or bows to give emphasis to a woman's form. Evening dresses were romantic with their own

LEFT TO RIGHT

● A blue sapphire velvet dress with draped-in waist and full skirt. Has a wide belt of white mink and a long train of velvet at the back.
● For a really dramatic effect, an enormous red face-cloth cape sweeping over the shoulders and down the back.
● One of the many capes. This one, worn over a suit, is trimmed with Persian lamb.
● Danced dress in orange and black with a long train over the skirt.

LOOK—TWO BACKS!

● Black face-cloth suit with an extra back that gives it a bloused look. Waist, ie a white ermine (lowest of cap trimmed with a red and black brooch and ermine tails. Also an ermine tail-cape.

matching caps. Hats were straight from the Steppes.

Shoes were very pointed. Often they matched exactly the dress or jewelry on a dress. Evening shoes had jewelled heels.

Not a particularly staggering collection—but one with plenty of womanly common sense.

And if you have not got a man with a million—just try the ideas with rabbit. You may get one.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

THAT so-called contortionist Mr. Colehouse was in court again yesterday. Asked by Mr. Gooseboote why he could not drape his legs round his neck without keeping his boots on, he made the curious reply that the presence of his boots on his feet made it easier to disentangle his legs from his neck. An expert witness, principal of the Nuggett Park School of Contortionism, testified that this was arrant nonsense. All his students, he said, came barefooted to their work, even in wet weather. Asked if Mr. Colehouse's trick was part of the curriculum in schools of contortionism, the principal said: "No. It is a voluntary activity, practised by some of the senior pupils in their own time." A psychiatrist deposed that a man who enjoyed tying himself in knots was probably brought up among sailors.

Thanks most fearfully
PLEADING that it is not dust
which is put in dustbins, n

Indeed, yes

An strongman's name can make a romance seem ridiculous. (Gossip column.)

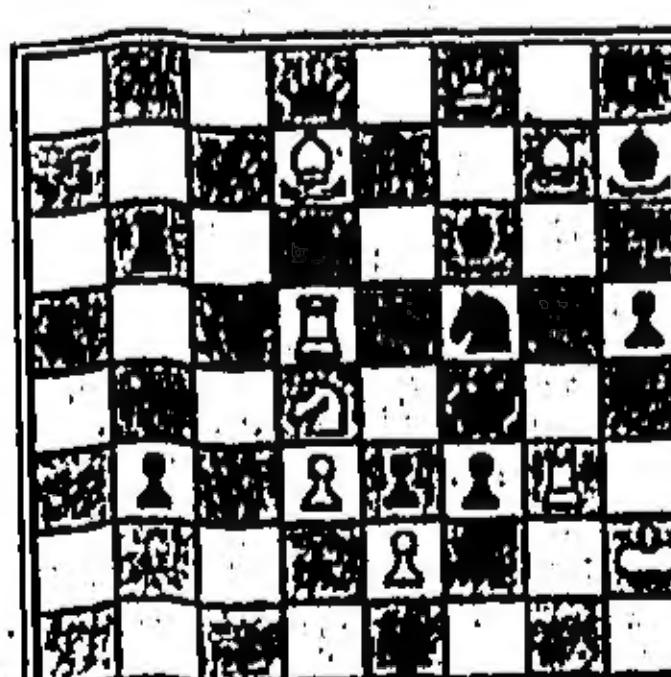
AS on the celebrated occasion when a young man said to his hostess: "Mrs. Sloboden goes to my head like wine."

Oh, Mr Suet!

HASTILY signing a batch of letters placed before him by his new secretary, Suet failed to notice one which began, "Darling Rhoda." It was a letter written by his secretary to a friend in Section 143 (D) of the Ministry of Bubble-blowing. She had not had time to sign it, and had left it, by mistake, in Suet's batch. The reply startled Suet. It said: "You saucy old devil! Of course I'll meet you on Thursday."

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. PIATESI
Black, 10 pieces



White, 8 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.
Solution to Saturday's problem:
1. Kf1-B2; threat 2. Kf1-R3.
1. Kf1-B2; 2. Q-QB1; 1. QP-K3; 2. Q-K1; 1. BxK3; 2. Q-QR1; 1. P-B4; 2. QxK1.

BOYS AND GIRLS

To Young Readers—
Please turn to Page 7 today
for Boys' and Girls' Magazine.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

IF you have a birthday today, you are the type of person who has a lot of fun. You are a happy-go-lucky, carefree, and you will have more fun than most people. You are a happy-go-lucky, carefree, and you will have more fun than most people. You are a happy-go-lucky, carefree, and you will have more fun than most people.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Affairs at a distance may take up your time just now. Make important decisions wisely.
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may show initiative in making a decision which will bear upon your future welfare. Be aggressive.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Take a short trip this week-end and visit some friends.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—Financial and business matters should be postponed until next week. Don't attempt to solve them today.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Wisdom in all you undertake now is of the utmost importance. Be sure you know your own mind before acting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Friendliness is today's keynote. You can bring happiness to someone by a kindly, thoughtful act.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are interested in outdoor sports, then this is your day for indulging in them to your heart's content.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Enjoy yourself today with a pleasant, leisurely recreational programme. Don't overdo it, however.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Show good, common sense in all that you plan for today. Over-activity is not what you need. Get some relaxation.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—The evening hours are best for you. Don't get involved in business problems inappropriate to the day.

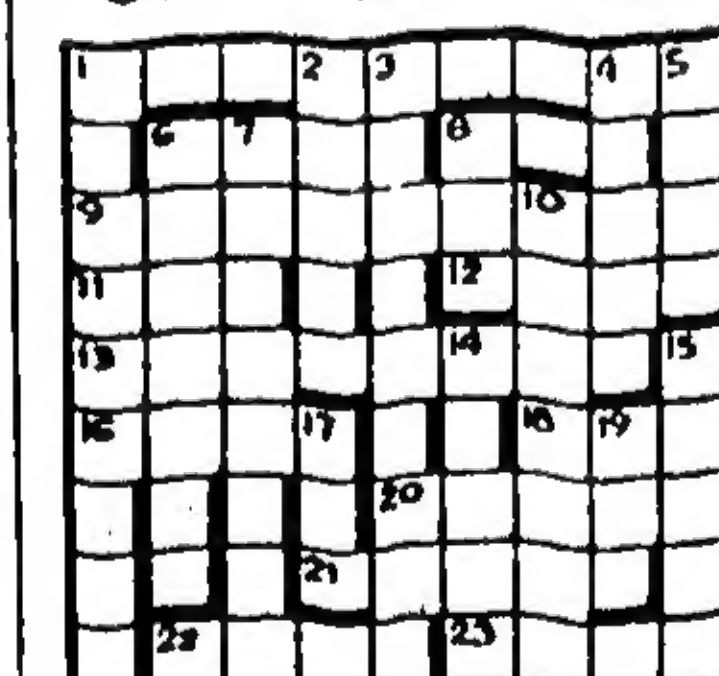
GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Take a positive attitude in everything but don't push too much against the obstacles. The tide will change soon.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—You may meet someone who will further your future plans by recognizing your outstanding talents now.

TARGET

How many words of four letters can you make from the letters in the square on the right? The letters in the square are: I, A, C, A, T, N, F, S, T. The words are: I, A, C, A, T, N, F, S, T. The words are: I, A, C, A, T, N, F, S, T.

CROSSWORD



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LEAGUE BOWLS

SELDOM HAVE THE KCC BOWLERS BEEN LUCKIER THAN ON SATURDAY

Says "TOUCHER"

As expected, the First Division Lawn Bowls League title will not be decided until next Saturday when Kowloon Cricket Club will play off the deciding match against Recreio on their home green.

By defeating Indian Recreation Club "Gold" during the last week-end by four points to one the Cricket Club bowlers have now advanced into a favourable position where only three further points stand between them and Championship honours.

One title was, however, decided and congratulations go to the Filipino Club for becoming the 1956 Third Division Champions—a feat which not only gave the Filipino Club members cause for jubilation but also the next season's Lawn Bowls Association officials some head-scratching. Under the present rules, the Filipino Club will have to field three teams in the Second Division League next season.

For the Bowling Club it was real hard luck on their part to fail in this crucial game after their brilliant victory the previous week against the HKPSA. However, they could draw one consolation in that the newly-crowned Champions really played heads-up bowls to clinch the title with a 4-1 win over them.

Drawn against the Filipino Club four skipped by Francisco Tan, A. Hutton's Bowling Club four were 2-7 down at the end of the seventh head, but picked up to 4-10 by the 11th head.

In the next six successive heads, however, the Filipino Club combination went into a scoring spree, chalking up no fewer than 12 shots to lead by 22-9. A fighting rally by Hutton's four gave them a five, a single and a two to finish up even shots behind.

The same thing happened in the next kick. After holding a 10-8 lead, Hutton's four took a downward plunge in the next four heads, losing a five, a single and two three to allow the Filipino bowlers to forge ahead to 17-9 and eventually end up with a comfortable 30-18 score.

The only KBGC four who played well up to form were A. Buchanan, G. Gordon, L. Parker and C. Askew. At one stage they enjoyed a 19-6 lead and looked as if they would be able to carry the side through.

The strong finish of the Filipino bowlers was again in evidence here. A single, a four, a two and a three took them to 18-19 and all hopes of a KBGC victory vanished into thin air as the home Club four just managed to scramble home with only two shots to spare.

THRILLING AFFAIR
The First Division match between Kowloon Cricket Club and Indian Recreation Club was a thrilling affair. The match was played to a crowd of standing room only in Peiping's new stadium, the broadest said.

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Suez Canal Crisis Impact On Oil Industry

MORE ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO NATURAL GAS RESOURCES

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

Washington, Aug. 12.

The Suez Canal crisis, even if amicably settled, will have a tremendous and revolutionary impact on the petroleum industry of the entire world, according to government experts today.

An early reaction will be greater attention to the natural gas resources in many oil-producing countries, it is said.

The mere possibility that the Eastern oil situation might be under political clouds for a long period at least until the Soviet Russian intention in the area is more clearly revealed.

The Middle Eastern petroleum production in 1954 was 1,013,545,000 barrels, or 20.31 per cent of the world total. Production of 4,989,476,000 barrels in that year. But the proven oil reserves in the Middle East, principally in Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are already estimated at 25,000,000,000 or 42 per cent of the world total, and upon further exploration, some experts think may represent about one-half of the world total.

Natural Gas Exports

An expert told the United Press that one after-effect of the Suez Canal crisis will be a general speeding-up of experimental programmes for the liquefaction of natural gas, so that it can be transported on tanker.

The natural gas in many oil-fields, where it cannot be piped to metropolitan areas for consumption, is now wasted. The future holds possibility of great international trade in liquid products from gas.

The technical problems in the liquefaction are largely solved, but the processes and transportation are hazardous, and still in a stage of experimentation. Evaluations of the safety hazards are presently in progress.

When the liquefied natural gas can be transported safely by tankers, a tremendous new source of fuel will become available to the world, supplementary to petroleum. Besides the natural gas which is found in oil-fields, there are believed to be exploitable natural gas supplies in many areas where petroleum production is not economical.

A significant indication of the future increase in the international importance of natural gas is seen in a report from Saudi Arabia. In 1955, a group of United States investors was reported to be interested in the possible natural gas from the Arabian-American oil company operations.

The project was to consider the possibility of the liquefaction of methane from the surplus gas with a view to its shipment at low temperatures to Europe, on specially designed tankers. Results of the negotiations are not known here, but a report said that the project might eventually involve an investment up to \$100,000,000.

Submarine Oil

A second technological reaction to the Suez Canal crisis will be a speed-up of submarine oil exploration and recovery in many parts of the world. The petroleum offers expanding resources in countries that could consume it nationally—as the United States—or countries with strategically certain lines of communication.

The United States, for example, has estimated reserves of 20,000,000,000 barrels of petroleum in offshore submarine areas, potentially capable of recovery. Within the last five years, due to technical advances, it has become practicable to recover petroleum from 200 feet below the sea surface. Formerly an ocean depth from 60 to 100 feet was regarded as the maximum depth for operations at sea.

This technical progress is potentially of economic importance to the United States and Trinidad, in the Gulf of Paria and to the Persian Gulf area.

In the hypothetical event that there should be a long interruption of Suez Canal traffic, many countries and particularly the United States and Brazil—would have a new motive to consider the exploitation of their oil-shale and low-grade coal resources.

Technical problems of extracting liquids from such areas have been largely solved, but exploitation has not been practicable from an economic standpoint. But if there would be a war, or a disruption of international commerce which led to substantially higher prices for petroleum, then the relative costs of producing liquid fuels from oil-shale or coal might change sufficiently to make commercial production feasible.

—United Press.

Weekly New York Stock Market Review

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Aug. 12.

The stock market community tried unsuccessfully last week to rationalize the seriousness of the Suez Canal situation.

Market men said for a time that the inflationary implications of the steel wage-price spiral would offset the Suez Canal expropriation and help the market to new record highs.

The market all but followed their thinking. The industrial average crossed the old April 6 record high on Thursday but backed away before the close. That average along with the rails and utilities closed lower on the week.

It was the first weekly decline in utilities in nine weeks during which the average had risen to a new high since March 29, 1951. Railroad shares were still under the influence of the steel strike which cost them a lot of profit in wage hike and a plea for higher passenger and freight rates.

The market analysts pointed out that at current level the market was in delicate territory. Many traders, they noted, are willing to sell for profits and demand has to be very high to keep the rise moving.

There were many favourable and a few unfavourable in the week's corporate news.

Earnings Reports

Several corporations issued highly favourable first half year earnings reports, including Crucible Steel, American Chalk & Carbon, Curtiss-Wright, Timken Roller Bearing, United Aircraft, and Coca-Cola.

General business news was seen as favourable including recognition of steel making with the steel rate up nearly 200 per cent over the previous week but 40 per cent under a year ago.

On Monday the market was hard hit. Industrials fell 6.39 points, widest break since June 9. Recoveries came in the ensuing three sessions.

On Friday, selling developed again with the international oils showing substantial losses and declining tendencies noted through most of the list, although closings generally were well above the day's lows.

—United Press.

Indonesia-Soviet Trade Pact

Djakarta, Aug. 12. Indonesia signed a trade agreement with the Soviet Union today.

Details were not disclosed. However, the pact was hailed as a forerunner of trade negotiations for exchange of Indonesian rubber, copra and other raw materials for Soviet goods and technical aid.

The agreement was signed by Acting Secretary of Foreign Affairs Dr. Nubandrio and E. F. Semichastoff, Soviet Vice Minister of Trade.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said that Soviet representatives will visit Indonesia country-side and perhaps open further negotiations following President Sukarno's visit to Russia.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$140,000. Most quotations are in the morning's transactions.

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
DANKS	1040	1060	
UK Bank	1040	1060	
INSURANCES			
Union	980	40 1/2	
London			
SHIPPING			
Wheelock	800	800	1000 = 870
DOCKERS, ETC.			
Dock	41	14	
PIVOT (O)			
LAND, ETC.			
UK Land	1450	1400	
UK Hotel	85 1/2	86 1/2	
RUBBER	1425	143	
Amels	1478	1525	10,000 = 130
Trust			
UTILITIES			
Trust	2350	2350	
Yamutai	100	100	
C. LENT (O)	23 1/2	23 1/2	
Electric	30 1/2	30 1/2	
TELEPHONE	24 1/2	24 1/2	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	35 1/2	35 1/2	1000 = 75 1/2
STONES, ETC.			
Dairy			
Watson	11 1/2	12	
Investment			
Vanessa	10 1/2	10 1/2	
Alfred			

London Market Has Very Cautious Week

By C. T. Hallinan

London, Aug. 12.

Markets had a short week—due to Monday's bank holiday—and a very cautious one, due mostly to politicians and due to industry or finance.

Oil shares were talked about incessantly and the reckless ones sold them short, but the total decline brought them no more than 15 per cent below their all-time peaks of some three weeks ago, and they still have the strongest following of any sector of the stock exchange.

However, despite plenty of bargain-hunting, the selling continued to lower Royal Dutch some £5 to £7 1/2 and British Petroleum nearly 10 shillings to 144 shillings 0 pence. Shell Transport lost 12 shillings. Almost the sole exception—excluding those like the Canadian issue, Trinidad and the Anglo-Egyptian Oil—shares which improved, nearly rose £1 1/2 to £55.

Obviously a lot of fishing in troubled waters.

What saved the week from a slump was the conviction that, no matter how rude Sir Anthony Eden and Nasser got in their mutual remarks, "there will be no war." Not even another Korean-type war.

Erratic

British government stocks were erratic but in general they were pressed for sale.

War Loan 3 1/2 per cent, lost 1/4 to £70, very close to the low of £69 1/2 which it touched last year. This huge issue has an immense influence on the market.

Middle East Affects US Business Week

By JOHN MORRIS

New York, Aug. 12.

The impact of the Middle East crisis over Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal continues to dominate the US business week.

International oil stocks and commodities moved in wide price-arcs this past week in line with tensions in the Middle East.

Oil stocks steadied somewhat at the end of last week as the initial shock of the Egyptian seizure lessened. But weekend developments—namely British and French military preparations for a possible action in the Middle East—dampened temporarily—hopes for a peaceful solution of the international controversy.

Prices of leading commodities and oil stocks reflected this rising anxiety on Monday. Oil shares were the hardest hit in a slumping market. Stock prices had their biggest one-day drop—6.39 points in the Dow-Jones industrial average—since President Eisenhower was elected on June 8. Among the oil, Royal Dutch Petroleum, with Middle East commitments, closed at 100 1/2, off 6 1/2 points on the day. Gulf Oil, with big holdings in Kuwait, dropped 8 1/2 points at close at 127 1/2.

Firmed On Fears

International commodities meanwhile firmed on fears of possible shortages and interruption to a steady flow of materials via the Suez. World sugar, rubber, tin, wool, grains and copper—all showed improvement.

There was thereafter a noticeable pickup in confidence in U.S. financial circles as world political leaders talked more of a peaceful solution and less of military action.

President Eisenhower at his news conference expressed the hope "that good sense will prevail in the Suez question. British Prime Minister Anthony Eden subsequently held out hopes of a peaceful settlement. And Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru urged Britain and France to refrain from military action.

Oil shares improved and all-mostly regained their Monday losses. Stock market prices rallied, recovering five of the six points on average lost earlier. By Thursday, industrial prices in their average were again within touching distance of their historic April 6—621.05.

Meanwhile, thirteen international oil companies held a closed meeting last week to discuss the oil and gas situation. The meeting was held in New York and the participants declined to disclose the nature of their talks. However, it was understood that the conference discussed the whole question of action to be taken in the event Middle East oil shipments through the Suez are curtailed.

Petition Filed

Oil circles here feel that the United States has already mapped out a course of action should Middle East operations be stopped. The New York meeting was said to have gone into the problem of possible European oil shortages, the question of dollar shortages, and possible reorganization of world tanker fleets to deal with any breakdown in Middle East oil supplies. Elsewhere, eight domestic oil producers filed a petition with the government asking that oil imports be reduced. Under the reciprocal trade agreement, the President could impose quotas, should imports be felt to have reached the point of injuring an industry vital to the nation's defense. Importers have been warned to voluntarily cut down on their imports. The petition said that imports should equal about 18.9 per cent of domestic production. It has instead been running about 20 per cent of production.

While the closing of the Suez would certainly be considered catastrophic, American financial circles remain hopeful that some solution might be found short of war or a prolonged closing of the canal.

Standard & Poor's financial analysis, echoes the optimistic note of many expert observers in the United States. It finds assurance in the oil industry's flexibility—in that even if the Suez is closed, other oil sources are still available, although admittedly only with some difficulty. A Suez close down would probably mean that production from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran and other Middle East sources would have to be reduced, possibly by as much as 10 per cent.

NY COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Aug. 12.

Cotton futures rose sharply last week despite a higher than expected government crop estimate.

At Friday's close, the late ruled 10 to 63 points—80 cents to 3.15 a bale—higher than last week's closing prices.

The first two sessions of the week were largely routine and quiet as traders awaited the crop estimate. Distant deliveries, however, provided some interest, showing substantial gains on increased popularity of the soil bank. Many in the trade feel the soil bank next year will be more effective in reducing cotton acreage.

Wednesday's crop estimate at 13,522,000 bales, well above average 12.9 million bales anticipated in cotton circles, failed to stir the market to any extent.

PRICES DIPPED

Prices dipped on the report but pressure was restrained by general belief in the trade that the government schedule did not take into account full effects of the soil bank. By the Wednesday's close prices had risen as much as \$1.50 a bale over Tuesday on speculative short covering.

That was the extent of the impact of estimates and traders were seeking fresh incentives the following day.

The Friday session saw further speculative short covering which, in the face of a scarcity of offerings, added extra strength to the market.

The Department of Agriculture's report also indicated the yield per acre of late cotton at 394 pounds of Aug. 1, compared with 417 pounds harvested last year and an average 283 pounds over the last ten years.

The Department said the average yield—second highest on record—reflects the farmers' efforts to grow cotton on their best land, to use more fertilizer and improve cultural practices in the face of acreage reductions.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Aug. 12.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 8, reads as follows:

Note in circulation 1,977,807,858
Public deposits 1,059,000
Private deposits 218,801,529
Government securities 23,008,094
Other securities 20,648,360
Receipts 69
—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Aug. 12.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 3, reads as follows:

Total gold holdings 301,204,302.420
Total other currency 18,978,853.450
Total 320,183,155.870
In ECU 127,515,100.000
Advance to stabilization fund 140,500,000.000
Total bills discounted 1,538,791,396.022
Bills not in circulation 1,538,791,396.022
Current accounts and deposits 107,188,441.116
—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar (per \$1) 6.00
Sterling (per £1) 12.00
Australian (per £1) 12.00
Indonesian (per 100) 18.00
Siam (per 100) 27.20
Singapore (Straits) 1.01

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America Thinking About Trade With Saudi Arabia

By HARRY W. FRANTZ

Washington, Aug. 12.

The large and growing commerce between the United States and Saudi Arabia is among the factors which influence this country toward a moderate course and an amicable settlement of the Suez Canal crisis.

The Suez situation causes a somewhat uncertain feeling in the commercial circles concerning volume of trade in coming months, but prior to the current crisis all reports and statistics had inspired optimism concerning the prospects for a record year in 1956.

Despite the uneasiness about a possible temporary interruption of traffic in Suez, which would have political ramifications throughout the Arab countries, experts here are expecting continued extraordinary progress in Saudi Arabian economic development. This will be progressively reflected in United States-Saudi Arabian commercial relations.

Parallel with the progressive development of the Saudi Arabian oilfields, United States imports from Saudi Arabia have climbed from \$2,481,000 in 1947 to a peak of \$66,896,000 in 1954.

Larger Imports

They declined to \$58,957,000 in 1955, but the larger imports of crude petroleum from Saudi Arabia in first five months of 1956 foreshadowed a probable new record for year 1956.

Because of tremendous shipments of machinery, equipment and miscellaneous materials for petroleum development, United States exports to Saudi Arabia have exceeded the valuation of imports, but the trend in the last few years has been toward a favorable merchandise balance for Saudi Arabia. This will continue as United States expands imports of crude petroleum.

In 1953, United States imports from Saudi Arabia were valued at \$66,896,000, and exports to Saudi Arabia were \$70,572,000.

In 1954, exports were \$43,380,000 and imports were \$58,957,000.

In first quarter of 1956, United States imports of crude petroleum from Saudi Arabia were \$7,454,300 barrels valued at \$10,182,000, compared to \$7,302,843 barrels valued at \$10,543,000 in January-March period 1955.

In April, imports were \$2,778,465 barrels valued at \$4,081,000 compared to \$2,692,623 barrels valued at \$4,019,000 in April 1955.

In May, imports were \$2,073,884 barrels valued at \$2,728,000 compared with \$2,058,800 barrels valued at \$2,774,000 in May 1955.

According to an official dispatch, American (Arabian

Long List

Industrial machinery \$11,704,000; electrical machinery and apparatus \$4,424,000; automobiles, parts and accessories \$2,584,000 including \$4,815 motor trucks and \$5,013 passenger cars; metal manufactures \$2,303,000; iron and steel mill products \$1,142,000; air conditioning and refrigeration equipment \$3,328,000; aircraft and parts \$4,380,000; meat products \$504,000; dairy products \$178,000; rice \$777,000; wheat \$510,100; wheat flour \$10,000; tinned vegetables \$216,000; fruits and preparations \$295,000; rubber manufactures \$773,000; cigarettes \$399,000; cotton manufactures \$439,000; synthetic fibres manufactures \$1,213,000; saw-mill products \$499,000; wood manufactures \$213,000; paper products \$490,000; lubricating oils \$2,258,000; glass products \$223,000; pipe valves \$411,000; petroleum refining equipment \$380,000; tractors and parts \$904,000; truck-laying tractors \$308,000; industrial chemicals \$140,000; chemical specialties \$1,597,000 and medicinal and pharmaceutical products \$407,000.

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